

John Yates – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

John Yates, son of John Yates, was born in Duxbury in 1650. His father died before he was born. His widowed mother, Mary, later married Richard Higgins who was one of the original settlers of Eastham. John married Deborah and they had a son named John. John Yates is the only Yates mentioned in the Eastham old land records.

1659

Granted to John Yates about twenty acres at Pochet at a place commonly called Smith's Neck. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A146, M204, P9, S20.

Granted to John Yates about three acres of meadow on the south side of Rock Harbor next to land of Giles Hopkins. PDF A146, M204, S20.

Granted to John Yates one acre of meadow at Billingsgate Meadow next to land of John Freeman. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A146, M204, S20.

Granted to John Yates about three and one-half acres of upland for a house lot between land of Joseph Rogers and Giles Hopkins. Bounds were indicated by fencing. PDF A156, M220, S23.

Granted to John Yates about two acres of meadow and one acre of meadow at Little Namskaket next to land of Thomas Williams and running towards the harbor's mouth. Bounds of the three acres were indicated by stakes and marked trees. PDF A156, M221, S24.

1662

This record describes land of Lt. Rogers at Pochet being north of the grave of John Yates near a cove and near Cedar Swamp. It is rare to find a grave site referenced in the old Eastham land records. PDF A164.

1665

This record makes reference to John Yates owning meadow on the south side of Rock Harbor next to land of William Twining. PDF A201.

1670

This record makes reference to John Yates owning land at Pochet Harbor Meadow next to land of John Doane and Giles Hopkins. PDF M72.

1671

This record makes reference to John Yates owning meadow on the southwest side of Rock Harbor Meadow next to land of Giles Hopkins and land of the heirs of John Doane. PDF A173.

1680

This record makes reference to John Yates owning land next to Giles Hopkins' house lot which Hopkins sold to Ralph Smith for five pounds. PDF A153.

1700

Granted to John Yates the lane between his land where he lived and land of Thomas Paine provided that Yates maintain gates or stiles for persons to pass on foot. PDF P93.

The Eastham land owned by John Yates described in these records amounts to about thirty acres. By 1745 no other Yates received Eastham land grants.